

## United States District Court for the Eastern District of Washington

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**Number of Judgeships:** 5

**Number of Vacancies:** 1

**Areas Covered:** Counties of Adams, Asotin, Benton, Chelan, Columbia, Douglas, Ferry, Franklin, Garfield, Grant, Kittitas, Klickitat, Lincoln, Okanogan, Pend Oreille, Spokane, Stevens, Walla Walla, Whitman and Yakima

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#### Robert H. Whaley

Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1943  
Education: Princeton 1965 AB; Emory 1968 JD  
Began Service: July 12, 1995  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

**Government:** Trial Attorney, Land & Natural Resources Division, United States Department of Justice (1969-1971); Assistant United States Attorney, Eastern District of Washington, Office of the United States Attorney, United States Department of Justice (1971-1972)

**Judicial:** Judge, Washington Superior Court, Spokane County (1992-1995)

**Legal Practice:** Peek & Whaley (1968-1969); Associate then Partner, Winston & Cashatt (1972-1992)

**Military Service:** United States Marine Corps (1968)

### Staff

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**Fred L. Van Sickle**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1943  
Education: Wisconsin 1965 BS; U Washington 1968 JD  
Began Service: 1991  
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

**Government:** Prosecuting Attorney, Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, County of Douglas, Washington (1971-1975)

**Judicial:** Judge, Washington Superior Court, Grant and Douglas Counties (1975-1979); Judge, Washington Superior Court, Chelan and Douglas Counties (1979-1991); District Judge, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Washington (1991-2000); Chief Judge, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Washington

**Legal Practice:** Clark & Van Sickle (1970-1975)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1968-1970)

**Current Memberships:** National Conference of Federal Trial Judges, Judicial Division, American Bar Association; American Judicature Society; Superior Court Judges Association (WA); Washington State Bar Association

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**Edward F. Shea**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1942  
Education: Georgetown 1970 JD  
Began Service: May 28, 1998  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Harold J. Petrie, Washington State Court of Appeals, Division II (1970-1971)

**Government:** Chair, Boundary Review Board, County of Franklin, Washington (1979-1980)

**Legal Practice:** Associate Attorney, Peterson, Taylor & Day (1971-1974); Partner, Peterson, Taylor Day & Shea (1974-1978); Partner, Peterson & Shea (1978-1980); Partner, Shea, Kuffel & Lindsay (1980-1984); Partner, Shea, Kuffel, Lindsay & Flynn (1984-1987); Partner, Shea & Kuffel (1987-1994); Partner, Shea, Kuffel & Klashke (1994-1996); Partner, Shea, Kuffel, Klashke & Shea (1997-1998)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; American Bar Foundation, American Bar Association; Benton-Franklin Bar Association; Federal Bar Association; Washington State Bar Association

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**Lonny R. Suko**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1943  
Education: Washington State 1965 BA; Idaho 1968 JD  
Began Service: August 1, 2003  
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Charles L. Powell, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Washington (1968-1969)

**Judicial:** Magistrate Judge (part-time), United States District Court for the Eastern District of Washington (1971-1991); Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Washington (1995-2003)

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Lyon, Weigand, Suko & Gustafson (1969-1995)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; Washington State Bar Association

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**Justin L. Quackenbush**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1929  
Education: Idaho 1951 BA; Gonzaga 1957 LLB  
Began Service: 1980  
Appointed By: President Jimmy Carter

**Academic:** Instructor (part-time), School of Law, Gonzaga University (1959-1967)

**Government:** Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, State of Washington (1957-1959)

**Legal Practice:** Senior Partner, Quackenbush, Dean, Bailey & Henderson (1959-1980)

**Military Service:** United States Navy (1951-1954)

**Current Memberships:** Spokane County Bar; Washington State Bar Association

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**Wm. Fremming Nielsen**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1934  
Education: U Washington 1956 BA, 1962 LLB  
Began Service: May 28, 1991  
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

**Academic:** Credit Reporter, The Dun & Bradstreet Corporation (1959-1960)

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Charles L. Powell, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Washington (1963-1964)

**Legal Practice:** Attorney, Paine, Hamblen, Coffin, Brooke & Miller LLP (1964-1991)

**Military Service:** United States Air Force (1956-1959); United States Air Force Reserve (1959-1982)

**Current Memberships:** American College of Trial Lawyers; The American Inns of Court; Eastern District of Washington Chapter, Federal Bar Association; Spokane County Bar; Washington State Bar Association

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**Cynthia Imbrogno**  
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1948  
Education: Indiana (PA) 1970; Gonzaga 1979 JD  
Began Service: 1991  
Term Expires: September 2015

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk, Washington Court of Appeals; Law Clerk The Honorable Justin L. Quackenbush, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Washington (1980-1983)

**Government:** Civil Rights Staff Attorney, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Washington (1984-1985); Complex Litigation Staff Attorney, Eastern District of Washington Chapter (1986-1988)

**Legal Practice:** Preston, Thorgrimson, Shidler, Gates & Ellis (1988-1990); Attorney, Perkins Cole LLP (1990-1991)

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